GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
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PROMOTION OF POWERLOOM
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment or survey has been conducted by the Government to know the number of powerlooms working in the country at present;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government are aware of deteriorating condition of powerloom industry and declining the number of powerloom units;

(d) if so, whether the Government proposed to take special measures to check the declining number of powerloom industries; and

(e) if so, the measures taken or being taken by the Government to promote powerloom industries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (GINGEE N.RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (e): The number of powerlooms working in the country at present are 15,58,000 approximately . The State-wise number of powerlooms are given below:

(Provisional)

State/Union Territory	No. of Powerloom
Andhra Pradesh	44683
Assam	2726
Bihar	2870
Delhi	1102
Gao	122
Gujarat	308165
Haryana	9882
Himachal Pradesh	1302
Jammu & Kashmir	Nil
Karnataka	58611
Kerala	3252
Madhya Pradesh	40046
Maharashtra	663059
Orrisa	3281
Punjab	22432
Rajasthan	32568
Tamilnadu	292885
Uttar Pradesh	65366
West Bengal	4339
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	464
Pondicherry	830

Textile sector including the decentralized powerloom sector is passing through the general recessionary conditions prevailing in international and domestic markets. Besides, the powerloom sector has problems of technological obsolescence, hike in power tariff in certain states, etc.

The Government of India has taken the following steps for the development of powerloom sector:

i) Implementation of Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) covering, inter-alia powerloom sector.

ii) Provision of training, consaltancy, skills upgradation, awareness creation to the weavers through the 44 Powerloom Service Centres. PSCs

iii) Upgradation of textile testing laboratories. to provide testing facilities to fabrics made by inter- alia powerloom sector (So far the laboratories of 14 PSCs have been upgraded)

iv) Group Insurance Scheme for the benefit of workers.

v) Provision of 15% export quota through the system of Powerloom Exporters` Entitlement to facilitate exports of powerloom to quota markets such as USA / EU.

vi) Taking up with the state Governments the question of rationalisation of the power tariffs for powerloom sector,

vii) Taking up research projects through Textile Research Associations. benefiting inter alia, the powerloom sector

viii) Keeping periodic interaction with the powerloom sector through the high powered All India Powerloom Board.